



**Arizona Department  
of Water Resources**

# **System Water Plan Implementation**

***Working together to ensure a long-term, sufficient  
and secure water supply for the State***

*December, 2005*



# Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan

- Governor's Drought Task Force (March 2003)
  - Address drought issues
- Three sections to Plan
  - Background & Impact Assessment Section
  - Operational Drought Plan
  - Statewide Water Conservation Strategy
- Principal intent of Plan:
  - Refine monitoring processes
  - Understanding of drought impacts
  - Limit future vulnerability
- Goals:
  - Identify impacts to water use sectors
  - Define sources of drought vulnerability & outline monitoring programs
  - Prepare drought response options & mitigation strategies



***Economic and environmental impacts of drought continue to increase as the population of the state increases***



# Monitoring Technical Committee

Primary committee of the  
Drought Preparedness Plan

- Tracks changes in climate and physical conditions
- Forecasts of likely future conditions
- Critical in early warning and detection
- Facilitate preparedness
- Meets monthly
- Determines drought status as data conditions warrant
- Committee participants
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - U.S. Geological Survey
  - Climate Assessment for the Southwest (UA)
  - State Climate Office (ASU)
  - National Weather Service (NOAA)
  - Division of Emergency Management
  - Salt River Project
  - Bureau of Reclamation



On-going technical data gathering and information dissemination group

# Local Area Impact Assessment Groups

- Identify local drought-related impacts
- Define and assess
  - societal impacts
  - severity
  - loss and costs associated
- Identify response options
- Identify unmet needs or needs for response
- Identify and facilitate efforts to mitigate impacts
  - preparedness and reducing drought vulnerabilities
- Provide data to Monitoring Technical Committee



Important Goal – Encourage regional coordination to drought and conservation planning



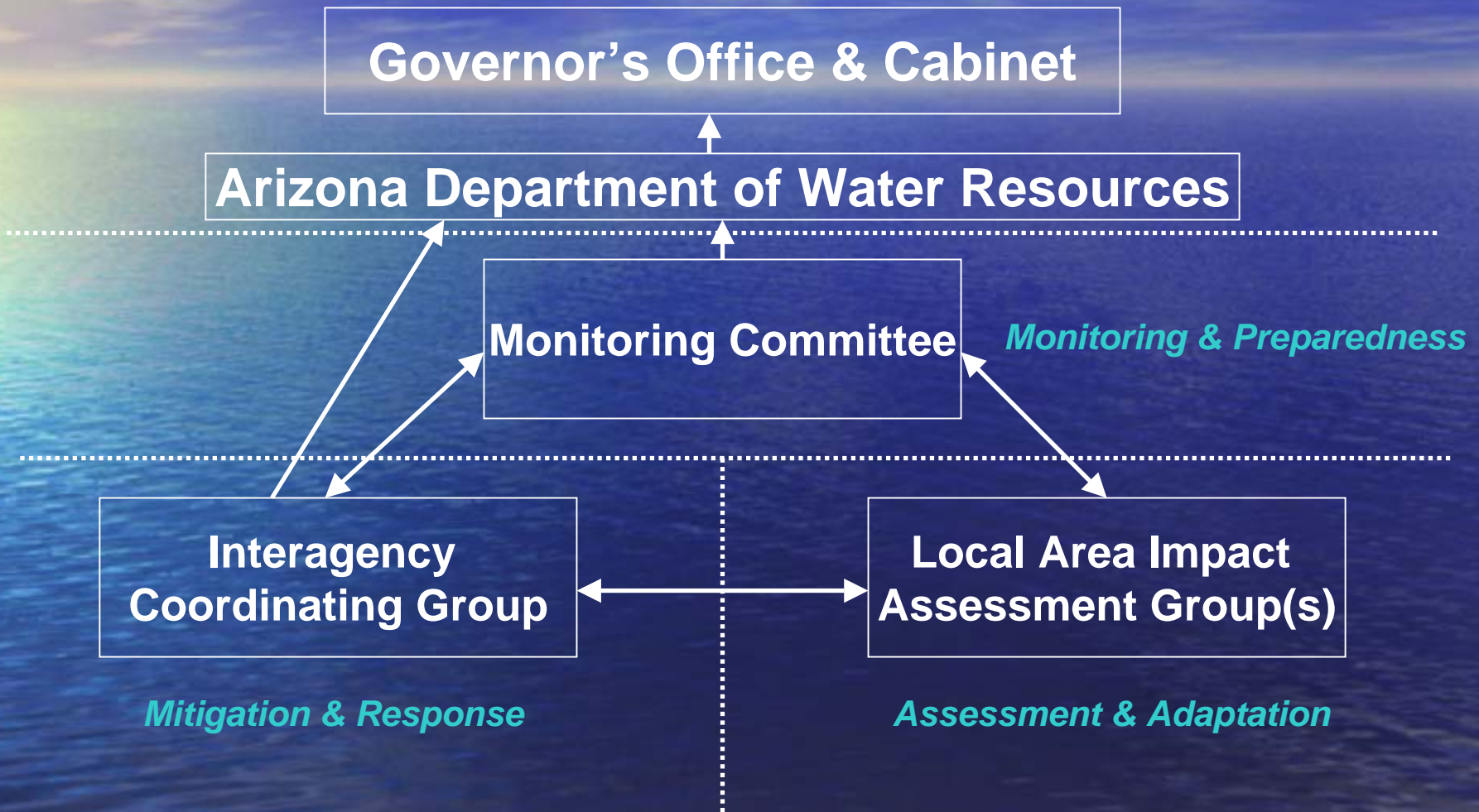
# Interagency Coordinating Group

- Directs state agency action to:
  - Assess,
  - Implement
  - Develop response options
- Identify pre-drought mitigation options
- Identify needs for additional resources
- Advise Governor of changes in drought status
- Reviews Plan, based on info. from 2 others
  - Recommendations for:
    - Improving monitoring
    - Implementation
    - Response



Provides an integral mechanism to coordinate and integrate drought planning and management on all lands within Arizona

# Organization



**ADWR serves as the facilitator of the MTC and ICG, provides staff support and web services, assists with report development and public outreach**

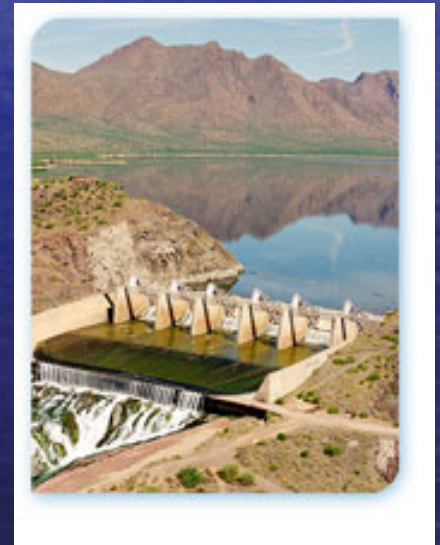


# Implementation & Status

| Task                                | Status            |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Monthly monitoring reports          | On-going          |
| Drought Web site                    | In Process        |
| Hire Drought Coordinator & Staff    | Coordinator hired |
| Initiate LAIAGs                     | On-going          |
| Identify monitoring needs           | In Process        |
| Funding/Grants for local planning   | On-going          |
| System Water Plans & Annual Reports | In Process        |

# System Water Plans & Annual Reports

- House Bill 2277 requires community water systems to:
  - *Maintain* records of its water withdrawals, diversions and deliveries
  - *Submit* an annual report
  - *Prepare and submit* a System Water Plan
    - Water Supply Plan (note exemption)
    - Drought Preparedness Plan
    - Water Conservation Plan (note exemption)



***A public water system that serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents of the area served, or that regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents.***



# Purpose for Maintaining Records & Reporting Annually

- In response to:
  - Growing urban water use
  - Increased demands for limited resources
- Assist ADWR & policy makers:
  - Allocate limited resources
  - Direct State & Federal funds for drought mitigation
- Domestic Use Database

**NOT for Regulation**



# Record Keeping Requirements

- Maintain records of:
  - Water withdrawals
  - Diversions
  - Deliveries
    - Metered systems
      - Current, complete and true
    - Non-metered systems
      - Estimated amounts
- Map delineating:
  - Service area
  - Distribution system





# Annual Reporting – Water Use

- Due yearly on March 31<sup>st</sup>
- If water was pumped or diverted:
  - Annual quantity pumped or diverted
  - Well registration numbers
  - Number of customers served
  - Id and number of storage facilities and capacity

If a community water system in an AMA is required to submit an annual report, a separate report is not needed

***Start tracking in Jan. 2006 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report due March 31, 2007***

# Annual Reporting Cont.

- If effluent was used or received:
  - Estimated quantity generated from WWTF
  - Effluent used directly from the WWTF
  - Specific uses of effluent
- If water was received from another entity:
  - Name identification
  - Well registration numbers used to pump or divert water
  - Annual quantity received
  - Number of customers served
  - Id and number of storage facilities and capacity



**Forms will be distributed by ADWR in coordination with ACC and ADEQ to facilitate reporting of similar or identical information**



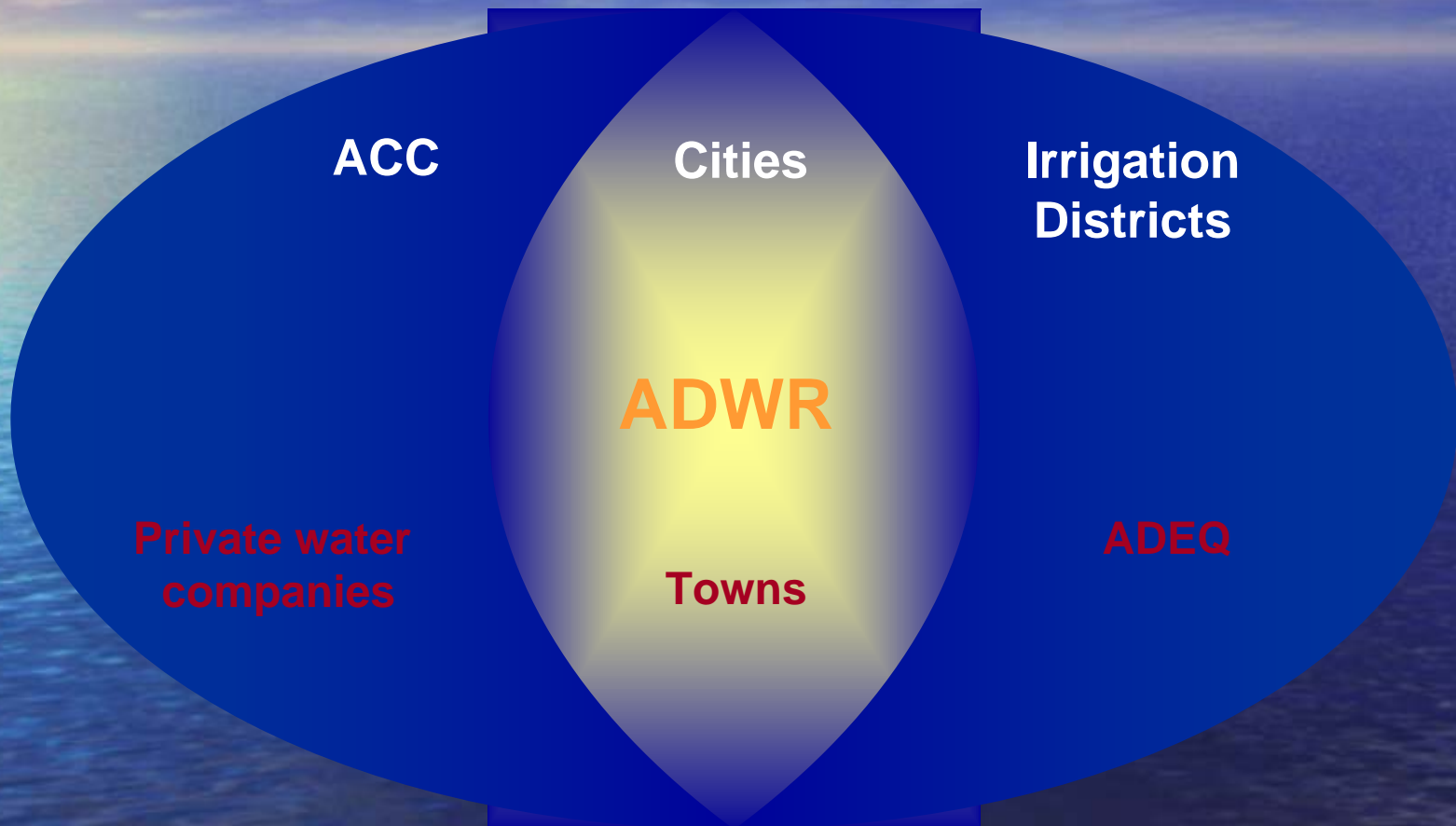
# Water Use for Systems Not Using Meters

## Examples

- Energy consumption of well
  - Discharge information (pipe or channel flow gpm)
  - Energy usage
    - Estimate pumpage based on:
      - Pipe flow and discharge information
        - ❖ Electrical energy records
        - ❖ Natural gas energy records
      - Open channel flow and discharge info.
        - ❖ Electrical energy records
        - ❖ Natural gas energy records
      - Hour meters
      - Only electrical or natural gas energy records
        - ❖ Electric well pump
        - ❖ Natural gas well pump



# Collaboration



*Avoid duplication*



# System Water Plan

- Plan Components:
  - Water Supply Plan
  - Drought Preparedness Plan
  - Water Conservation Plan
- Joint Plan
  - More than one system serves residents within a city or town
  - Two or more systems serving that city or town may coordinate
- Due dates:
  - Large System = >1,850
    - January 2007
    - Updates due May 31<sup>st</sup> of 2011, 2015, 2019
  - Small System = all other community water systems
    - ADWR will develop forms to comply with requirement
    - January 2008
    - Updates due on May 31<sup>st</sup> of 2012, 2016, 2020
  - Joint Plan
    - January 2008

Previously submitted required Information may not need to be submitted if approved by ADWR

**ADWR is developing guidance documents to assist water systems with developing plans**

# Exempt

All community water systems must submit a Drought Preparedness Plan

- From Water Supply Plan if:
  - Assured water supply designation
  - Must still submit a Drought and Conservation Plan
- From Water Conservation Plan if:
  - Large municipal provider in AMA
  - Small municipal provider in AMA
    - Petitions ADWR Director prior to January 2007
    - Growth projections = large municipal provider by 2012
  - Must still submit a Drought and Water Supply Plan

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# System Water Plan – Water Supply Plan

Designed to evaluate water supply needs and strategy to meet needs

- Plan shall include:
  - List and Description of:
    - Service area lands
    - Sources of supply and emergency sources
    - Well registration numbers and water levels
      - Well water level exclusions:
        - ❖ Hard rock mining
        - ❖ Metallurgical processing
        - ❖ Industrial uses for the above
    - Storage and treatment facilities



# System Water Plan – Water Supply Plan Cont.

- Plan shall include:
  - Map and Description of:
    - Existing transmission and distribution facilities (unless previously provided)
  - Description of:
    - Monthly system production data
      - Categorized by system's sources of supply
      - Metered systems must also provide:
        - ❖ Summary of system average daily demands
        - ❖ Max. monthly demands
        - ❖ Estimate of peak day demand for past 5 years
  - List, description and map of:
    - Existing interconnections (unless previously provided)
    - Quantities of water sold or purchased during previous 5 years (unless previously provided)
  - Analysis of present and future water supply demands for next 5, 10 and 20 years





# System Water Plans – Drought Preparedness Plan

Designed to meet specific needs of the system in response to drought or water shortage conditions

- Plan shall include:
  - Contact info.
    - Identify person responsible for:
      - Directing operations during a water shortage emergency
  - Drought or emergency response stages
  - Plan of Action
    - Inform and educate public
    - Development of emergency supplies
    - Water supply or water demand management measures for each drought stage
      - Subject to ACC approval if public service corporation)
      - May be met by providing a curtailment tariff on file w/ ACC



# Drought Preparedness Plan

## Examples

### Drought and emergency response strategies

#### Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan

- Stage 1 - Normal (reduce vulnerability)
- Stage 2 - Abnormally Dry (Raise Consciousness)
- Stage 3 - Moderate (Voluntary Reductions)
- Stage 4 - Severe (Curtailment)
- Stage 5 - Extreme (Eliminate Essential Water Use)

#### City Example

- Stage 1 – Drought Alert
- Stage 2 – Drought Warning
- Stage 3 – Drought Emergency
- Stage 4 – Drought Crisis

#### City Example

- Stage 1 – Mild Drought Conditions
- Stage 2 – Moderate Drought Conditions
- Stage 3 – Severe Drought Conditions
- Stage 4 – Extreme Drought Conditions



# System Water Plans – Water Conservation Plan

**Designed to increase the efficiency of the water system, reduce waste and encourage consumer water conservation efforts and meet specific needs of system**

- Plan shall include both demand and supply management measures including:
  - Measures that may be implemented to determine and control lost or unaccounted for water
  - Consideration of water rate structures that encourage efficient use of water (subject to ACC approval if public service corporation)
  - Continuing conservation education program
    - Curtailment of nonessential water uses
    - Affordable efficiency technologies for indoor/outdoor uses
    - Reuse and recycling programs

Initiate implementation of conservation plan within twelve months after receiving written notification from ADWR

# Water Conservation Plan

## Examples

### Demand and Supply Side Conservation Measures:

- Small systems
  - Universal metering
  - Lost and unaccounted for water measures
  - Review delivery costs and rates
  - Information and education/outreach
- Medium systems
  - Water use audits
  - Retrofit programs
  - System pressure management capabilities
  - Efficiency requirements for landscape water use
- Large systems
  - Fixture replacement and promotional efforts
  - Reuse and recycling programs
  - Water use regulations
  - Integrated resource management





# Water Conservation Plan Cont.

- Determining lost and unaccounted for water:
  - System audits
  - Leak detection technologies



# Water Conservation Plan Cont.

## Examples

- Water Rate Structures
  - Existing rate structures
    - Rate per usage
    - \$ per 1,000 gallons
  - Plans for conservation incentives
    - Block/seasonal rates
    - Excessive use rates
  - Education/outreach efforts
- Educational Program
  - Efforts (pamphlets, workshops, etc.)
  - Teacher/student based education for water conservation and drought
  - Levels of discretionary use reduction
  - Programs tied to retrofit or replacement of inefficient fixtures
  - Programs that encourage or require the reuse or recycling of water
  - Curtailment plans to include stages and associated tariffs



# Conservation Strategy

- Why is conservation information needed?
  - Use of conservation to manage your system
  - Assists in where to focus available resources
    - Technical assistance
    - Educational materials
    - Financial assistance



# Statewide Water Conservation Office: Goals and Assistance

- **Encourage the Use of Best Available Technologies...focusing on water efficiency**

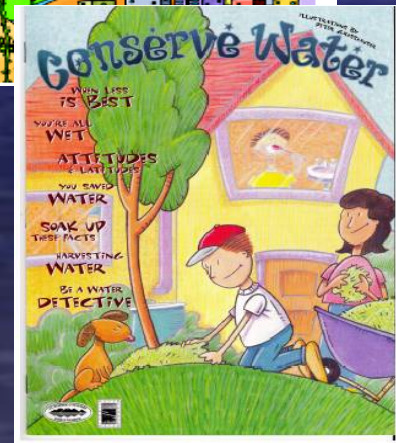
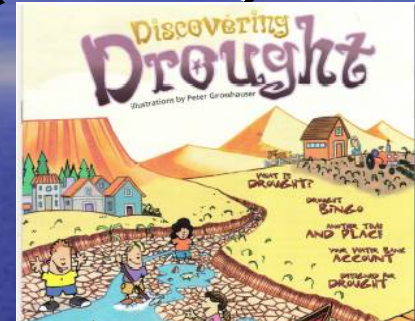


- **Pilot pre-rinse spray valve program for the restaurant industry**



# Statewide Water Conservation Office: Goals and Assistance (cont.)

- Expand Outreach & Education
  - Discovering Drought (Completed)
  - Waters of Arizona (Completed)
    - Distributed to 92,000 4<sup>th</sup> Graders
  - Support 2005 Water Festivals



# Statewide Water Conservation Office: Goals and Assistance (cont.)

- Work with local communities to assess conservation needs and develop new programs
- Provide assistance with conservation goal setting
- Develop partnerships with businesses & organizations
- Conservation messaging



# System Water Plan Review

- Written notification
  - Complies
    - May provide recommendations for improvement
  - Does not comply
    - 120 days for revisions or additions
      - Complies
      - Does not comply
        - ❖ Notice to governing bodies w/in service area



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# Next Steps

- Web site
- Develop annual report forms
- Guidance Document
- Develop System Water Plan template for small systems
- Web reporting
- Initiate drought and conservation planning
- Tracking

**Working Together**





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